

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 16-19, 21, 24-27, 43, 44, 46 and 47-50.

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Objections

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner objects to Claim 43 for an informality therein. In particular, the Examiner is requesting that the word "in" be inserted after "not" in Claim 43, ln. 13. In response, Applicants have amended Claim 43 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants are also amending Claim 47 in a similar manner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 7 and 10-12 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Tzeng (US 5,215,934). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claim 7 to recite the feature of "an insulating surface" and "an active layer over the insulating surface." This feature is present in allowed independent Claim 1. See also, for example, page 17, lns. 14-18 of the present application.

Tzeng does not disclose or suggest this feature. Hence, Tzeng fails to disclose or suggest the claimed device of amended independent Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 7 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over Tzeng. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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